

Proclamation

**PROCLAMATION
BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF GILBERT
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 26-307, Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 26-311, and Section 1-65 of the Gilbert Town Code empowers the Mayor to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the Town of Gilbert (the “Town”) is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the Town is prepared and actively monitoring the situation at hand, is working closely with the schools, faith groups, businesses, and non-profits located within the Town to ensure that the Community is staying connected and collaborative, and understands the sensitivity of this situation and that the declaration of the existence of an emergency is necessary under these circumstances in order to access certain federal, state, and local resources and preserve the safety of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Gilbert does hereby find:

That international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named “SARS- CoV-2,” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019,” abbreviated COVID-19, (“COVID-19”); and

That the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found that certain populations face elevated risk and that widespread transmission of COVID-19 would translate into large numbers of people needing medical care at the same time and other critical infrastructure may also be affected; and

That, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020, and the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and

That, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the State of Arizona prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and

That, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and that the federal government would make emergency funding to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

That the Town has actively planned and implemented measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to prepare for any and all emergency actions in response to the spread of COVID-19; and

That the Town intends to continue to take bold actions to protect the public health and safety during this local, state, and national public health emergency and continue all essential operations in the Town, ensuring the health and safety of our Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED as follows:

That an emergency now exists throughout the Town due to COVID-19; and

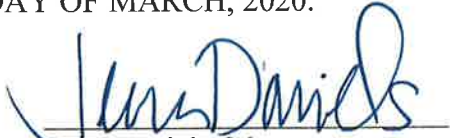
That the Mayor shall, during such emergency, govern by proclamation and have the authority to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the Town; and


That during the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Town shall be as prescribed by federal and state law, and by ordinances and resolutions of the Town; and


That the Town Manager is ordered, directed, and authorized to implement any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Proclamation; and

That this Declaration shall remain in full force and effect until amended or terminated by order of the Mayor.

PROCLAIMED, DECLARED, AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF GILBERT, ARIZONA THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.


Jenn Daniels, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Maxwell, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher W. Payne, Town Attorney

